(e) Exports not being subjected to any duty, there is no revenue receipt accruing to Central Govt. by way of exports from KAFTZ. However, net foreign exchange earnings from KAFTZ during the last three years are as under:

Year	NEF(in Rupees crores)
1994-95	224.44
1995-96	241.70
1996-97	244.72

Functioning of crucial balancing investment scheme

1440. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crucial Balancing Investment Scheme is functioning well;.

(b) if so, what are its achievements uptil now;

(c) plans to make this Scheme more effective; and

(d) what steps will be taken to remove bottlenecks in infrastructure for export production and conveyance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Crucial Balancing investment Scheme, which has been renamed Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme (CIB) is functioning well. So far following six proposals have been approved under the Scheme:

	Name of the Proposal	Contribution of Govt. of India (in crores)
1.	International Land Port at Petrapole West Bengal.	2.00
2.	Four lane By-pass at Haridaspur Checkpost, West Bengal.	4.92
3.	Truck Terminus at Bongaon and strengthening and widening of Bongaon Panchpota road, West Bengal.	2.28
4.	System Improvement Scheme, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.	8.00
5.	Infrastructure Development, Aroor, Kerla	1.05
6.	Strengthening of Uran Ponvol road, Masharashtra.	3.00
	TOTAL:	21.25

(c) and (d) In order to make the Scheme more effective, comprehensive guidelines for submission of proposals under the Scheme have been formulated. All the State/Union Territory Governments have been requested to send proposals under the Scheme, depending upon their needs. The proposals are considered by a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Commerce Secretary.

Achievements of IIFT

1441. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are recent achievements of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade;

(b) the research projects which they have taken in hand;

(c) what are the programmes which they have undertaken recently; and

(d) what steps will be taken to make the functioning of the Institute better?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) is increasingly focussing its attention on functional and policy research, consistent with the needs of the Government and Corporate Sector in the post reforms period. Recently the Institute has undertaken some useful studies. These include: (i) Policy Impediments to Trade and FDI in India—A Multi Country-cum-Multi Institutional study involving various reputed research institutions of India and USA, (ii) Analytical Studies on Export Import Policies for the 9th Five Year Plan, (iii) Studies on issues relating to W.T.O., (iv) Study and Seminar on Export of Technology in collaboration with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (v) Occasional Papers on Current Topics related to International Trade, (vi) Publication of World Trade Scanner—a fortnightly journal on Global Developments influencing India's foreign trade, in collaboration with World Trade Centre, Bombay and Academy of Business Studies, New Delhi.

The recommendations/conclusions of the above studies and seminars have been quite useful for India's international trade sector.

(b) The research studies sponsored by various Govt. agencies, undertaken by the Institute are: Export Potential Survey of Tripura, Supply Base and External Market Opportunities for Non-conventional Technology Based consultancy Services from India's Export Performance in the Context of Gobal Development, Study on External Trade Procedures and Regulations, Market Survey for Andhra Pradesh State Trading Corpn., Study on the Implications of EU,s GSP Scheme on India's Agricultural Export, Study on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Oman, Cooperation in Import Procurement in SAARC, Export Potential Survey of North-Eastern Region, Export market Strategy for Select Handicrafts, Export Potential Survey of Punjab, Export Potential Survey of Maharashtra, Study on Boosting India's Exports to US $ 100 EN by 2000 AD, Market Survey on Marine Products in Select Middle East Countries, Perspective Plan for Export for TRIFED, Desk based Study on Jute Products, Study on Likely Impact on Trade Liberalisation on Select SSI Products, Export Potential Survey on J & K, Study on Formation of Overseas Joint Ventures with Foreign Contractors, setting up Trade Related Joint Ventures by Indian firms in Bangladesh, Study on Cash Benefit Analysis of Insuring Govt. Imports and Follow-up Study on External Trade and Procedures and Regulations-Scope for Simplification.

(c) The Institute has undertaken its regular foundational programmes namely: Masters Programme in International Business, Post Graduate Diploma in International Trade, Executive Masters in International Trade, Certificate Course in Export Marketing, Certificate Course in Shipping and Documentation for Foreign Trade Managers and Certificate Course in International Business Languages.

Besides this, the Institute also conducted 20 regular programmes, 36 sponsored programmes, 3 seminars and a certificate course in Shipping (evening) under the category of Management Development programmes.

(d) In order to make the functioning of the institute better, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman of IIFT has been constituted which would undertake a quality audit and prepare a vision for the Institute for the year 2000. The Committee in its recommendations would suggest the steps required to be taken to further improve the functioning of the Institute.